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1. (Confidential - JMM) Talked to Wilfred Rommel, Assistant Director for Legislative Reference, OMB, who said he had no objection to our sending to Chairman Hanley, Subcommittee on Employee Benefits, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, our proposed letter and attachments explaining our concern about proposed legislation to ensure the privacy of Federal employees. Rommel said he had no objection to our forwarding the material in question provided we omit therefrom a copy of a letter we had written last year on the subject in connection with the Ervin bill (S. 782). Rommel indicated OMB fully supported our position and said that he had mentioned the matter to Roger Jones of OMB and that we could deal with Victor Zafra regarding further developments.

2. (Unclassified - JMD) Received a call from Joan Spalding in the office of Representative Ogden Reid, who said the Congressman would like a car to pick him up at his home on Tuesday and bring him to the Headquarters building for breakfast with the Director. I told her this would be arranged.

3. (Confidential - JMM) Talked with Mr. David Abshire, Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, about the Case bill on Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty (see Memo for Record for details).

4. (Confidential - GLC) Carl Marcy, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, called to inquire about a memorandum which he said Secretary Rogers circulated among the Foreign Relations Committee members at a 9 February 1971 hearing. According to Marcy this memorandum explained "what was going on in south Laos, the support being given, and what the Thais are doing." He said the Secretary had indicated the memorandum had been prepared "by another agency" and could not be left with the Committee. Marcy said Messrs. Lowenstein and Moose were interested in seeing this memorandum before their departure on Monday and asked if I would look into it and call him back.

After checking with Mr. Joseph Wolf, Bureau of Politico-Military Affairs, State Department, I advised Marcy that Wolf had informed me the paper in question had not been prepared by the Agency but was in fact a State paper and Wolf suggested Marcy contact him on it. Marcy thanked me and said he would get in touch with Wolf.

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5. (Secret - JMM) Met with Dorothy Fosdick, Staff Director of the Subcommittee on National Security and International Operations, regarding a questionnaire she had asked us to fill in on facts and figures regarding certain Soviet strategic weapons. Per instructions from the Director and in coordination with Mr. Duckett, I gave her rounded figures and persuaded her to delete certain specific sensitive details from her original draft. I also pointed out to her reasons for our reluctance to become involved in sanitizing for publication material of such sensitive or controversial nature. She said she appreciated our problems, and assured me that she and Senator Jackson would scrupulously protect the fact that the Agency had been fully way involved.

In response to her questions, I told Miss Fosdick of our current information on Soviet ICBM silos, Soviet weapons in Egypt, and Soviet submarine developments.

6. (Confidential - JMM) Called Wilfred Rommel, Assistant Director for Legislative Reference, OMB, to tell him of our proposed response to Chairman Hanley's letter to the Director regarding upcoming bill for protection of privacy of Federal employees. Mr. Rommel said he was not focused on the question and I agreed to send over our draft response for his review before we take further action. Mr. Rommel said he would be back in touch early next week.

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